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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2900

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LE US

SUBJ: ERRONEOUS AP REPORT OF PARKER-HOSS DISCUSSION

1. AP BEIRUT YESTERDAY FILED STORY THAT DURING MY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HOSS MORNING JUNE 16, PRIMIN HAD ASKED US TO USE OUR GOOD OFFICES TO ARRANGE A MORATORIUM ON ISRAELI ARTILLERY SHELLING AND BORDER INCURSIONS INTO LEBANESE TERRITORY, THE HALTING OF NEW ROAD-BUILDING OPERATIONS ISRAEL HAD LATELY BEEN UNDERTAKING IN SEVERAL PARTS OF LEBANESE BORDER, AND END TO SO-CALLED "WATER WAR" AND ISRAEL'S RAIDING TO RUPTURE WATER PIPES. STORY IS CARRIED IN NUMBER OF LOCAL PAPERS TODAY AND UNDERSTAND THAT CBS MAY BE ALSO FILING IT.

2. FOR THE RECORD, PRIMIN HOSS AND I DISCUSSED SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC REQUEST OF SORT DESCRIBED.  
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WE SO INFORMED AP CORRESPONDENT NICK LUDDINGTON LAST NIGHT AND HE EXPRESSED GREAT SURPRISE, SAYING STORY CAME FROM VERY RELIABLE SOURCE IN PRIMIN'S OFFICE WHO HAD REPORTED BEFORE THE MEETING THAT PRIMIN INTENDED TO SPEAK TO ME IN THESE TERMS.

3. PRIMIN MAY VERY WELL HAVE SO INTENDED. HE

DID NOT IN FACT MAKE SUCH A REQUEST. HE DID  
INDICATE THAT PROBLEM IN SOUTH WAS ONE OF MAJOR  
OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS IN LEBANON, BUT NOTED THAT  
SOLUTION OF THAT PROBLEM WAS ALSO LINKED TO  
PROBLEM OF POLITICAL RECONCILIATION IN LEBANON  
AS A WHOLE. WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE USE OF INTERNATIONAL  
EMERGENCY FORCES IN AREA, AND I TOLD HIM IF LEBANESE  
WERE INTERESTED THEY SHOULD FIRST DECIDE WHETHER  
SUCH A FORCE COULD REALLY DO THE NECESSARY, POINTING  
OUT THE REAL PROBLEMS SUCH A FORCE WOULD FACE.  
NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR LEBANON TO DECIDE WHETHER  
OR NOT IT AND ITS NEIGHBORS WERE ACTUALLY WILLING  
TO RESORT TO SUCH A MEASURE. IF THEY SO DECIDED,  
THEY SHOULD APPROACH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
WITH A REQUEST. WHEN THIS IDEA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN  
FEBRUARY, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THE LEBANESE  
HAD ENCOUNTERED SO MUCH DOMESTIC AND ARAB  
OPPOSITION TO IT THAT THEY HAD DROPPED IT.  
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